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In re the Application of: **KIMURA, Shizuo, et al.**

Attention: **Applications Division**

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P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 6851

For: **WHEEL RIM, WHEEL, AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THEM**

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Date: December 15, 2006

Sir:

Please supply the undersigned attorney with a corrected filing receipt for the above-identified application. The undersigned also respectfully requests that the Patent and Trademark Office records be amended to reflect the correction.

In reviewing the official Filing Receipt, we noted errors in that **four applicants has been omitted and should read as - -NAOTAKE MARUI, SHIZUOKA-KEN, JAPAN, JIN FUKUDA, SAITAMA-KEN, TAISEI WAKISAKA, SAITAMA-KEN, JAPAN, HARUO MACHIDA, SAITAMA-KEN, JAPAN--**. A copy of the **Declaration, and Request to Correct Inventorship** is enclosed which indicates the correct information. We are enclosing a copy of the filing receipt with the corrections highlighted.

In the event that any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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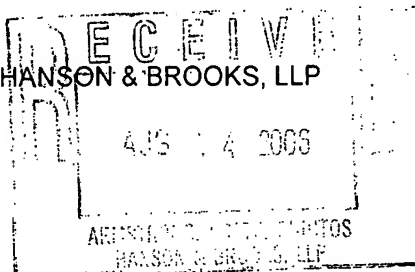


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Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2003171828 06/17/2003
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JAPAN 2003270938 07/04/2003
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JAPAN 2003289148 08/07/2003

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Convention, is **US10/560,835**

Projected Publication Date: 11/16/2006

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Wheel rim, wheel, and methods of producing them

Preliminary Class

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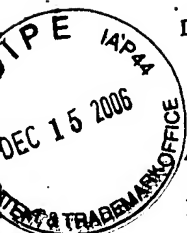
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DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

WHEEL RIM, WHEEL, AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THEM

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked

☒ was filed on JUNE 17, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/IP2004/8543 (U.S. NATIONAL PHASE 10/560,835) and was amended on DECEMBER 15, 2005 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

Priority Claimed

(List prior foreign applications. See note A)

Patent Application
No. 2003-171828
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JAPAN

(Country)

17/June/2003

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Patent Application
No. 2003-172930
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JAPAN

(Country)

18/June/2003

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No. 2003-270938
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JAPAN

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4/July/2003

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☒ Yes ☐ No

(See note B)

☒ See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Status

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 of the United States Code, ' 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

(See note C) Full name of sole or first inventor (given name, family name) Shizuo KIMURA
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REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

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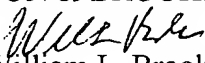
Applicants respectfully request that the following names be added as inventors to the above-referenced application: Jin FUKUDA, Taisei WAKISAKA, and Haruo MACHIDA.

A Statement from each added inventor, a new Declaration, a written consent of the Assignee and the petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(i) is attached herewith.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP

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LTD., 1-1, Minami-Aoyama 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8556, Japan, the sole Assignee of
the above-referenced patent application, hereby consent to adding Jin FUKUDA, Taisei
WAKISAKA and Haruo MACHIDA as joint inventors of U.S. Application Serial No.
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STATEMENT OF INVENTOR

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I, Jin FUKUDA, hereby confirm that I am an inventor of the above-referenced patent application, and the error in inventorship constituted by omission of my name as an original inventor in the original Declaration filed with this application was necessitated by amendment of the claims and the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention.

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I, Taisei WAKISAKA, hereby confirm that I am an inventor of the above-referenced patent application, and the error in inventorship constituted by omission of my name as an original inventor in the original Declaration filed with this application was necessitated by amendment of the claims and the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention.

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